



Study of the U.S. Programs

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The Study of the U.S. Branch promotes a better understanding of the people, institutions, and culture of the United States among foreign students, teachers, and scholars who teach about and study the United States. Study of the U.S. Institutes are short-term academic programs for groups of scholars, faculty, or student leaders from around the world. Institutes are hosted by academic institutions throughout the United States and include an intensive academic program and an integrated educational tour. Extracurricular cultural and community activities help to broaden the participants' understanding of U.S. society.

A QUICK SNAPSHOT

- In FY 2010, 183 scholars and 472 undergraduate students participated in Study of the U.S. Institutes.
- FY 2010 participants hailed from 104 countries around the world.
- Study of the U.S. Institutes are hosted by more than 29 universities and colleges across the United States.

"The U.S. visit has really shaken my soul and heart and has given me new dimension in a well directed manner. When I came to America I was Pakistani but when I left, I found myself a human being, a citizen of the world."

-Shahbaz, Student

Institutes for Scholars

Scholar Institutes strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions overseas. Each Institute is six-weeks long and thematically focused on a particular field or topic of U.S. studies. Participants interact with American scholars, meet with experts in the respective disciplines, visit civic institutions, and explore the diversity and culture of the United States.

Scholar Institutes include:

- American Politics and Political Thought
- Contemporary American Literature
- Journalism and Media
- Religious Pluralism in the United States
- U.S. Culture and Society
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- U.S. National Security
- Study of the U.S. for Secondary School Educators

Institutes for Student Leaders

Student Leader Institutes are five-week long institutes targeted to undergraduates to improve their understanding of the United States. Institutes generally focus on a particular area of study, and include leadership development, community service activities, and interaction with American peers. Each Student Institute usually hosts several regional groups. Three of the Western Hemisphere Institutes are conducted in Spanish.

Student Leader Institutes include:

- Global Environmental Issues
- New Media
- Religious Pluralism in the United States
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Women's Leadership
- U.S. Foreign Policy for East Asia Student Leaders
- Western Hemisphere Student Leaders
- Comparative Public Policy for Pakistani Student Leaders

"Before I entered this program, I already knew a lot about U.S. Foreign Policy but all of it in an abstract, vague, bookish and purely conceptual aspect. Now I believe I've gained firsthand information on how to match concepts with reality." Rhodaile, Filipino Scholar



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